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For: LIGHT-TRANSMITTING APPARATUS AND WAVELENGTH-DIVISION-MULTIPLEXING
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM HAVING OPTICAL-SIGNAL-ABNORMALITY-DETECTING
FUNCTION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, the Applicants elect Transmitter Species A2 shown in Fig. 12, which reads on claims 8-13, and Receiver Species B1 shown in Fig. 4, which reads on claims 1-3.

The Applicants respectfully submitted that a wavelength division multiplexing communication system having in combination a transmitter shown in Fig. 3 with a receiver shown in Fig. 4, which reads on claim 18, should also be considered with the elected Species.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider claims 1-3, 8-13 and 18 at this time.

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